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1. There is attached a chart which is a recapitulation of the official labor statistics of the three leading oil companies in the western Venezuela area--the Creole Oil Company (Standard Oil Company of New Jersey), the Venezuelan Oil Company (Shell Oil Company), and the Mene Grande Oil Company (Gulf Oil Company).
2. These figures indicate the relative numerical strength of the "red labor syndicate" (Communist) and the "blue labor syndicate" (formerly controlled by the Accion Democratica) as of 23 February 1949. It will be noted that the difference between the sum of these two groups and the total number of workers in a given place is composed of independents with no apparent syndical or political affiliation. Although these figures vary somewhat from month to month, they are considered a reasonable average.

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VENEZUELAN OIL FIELD EMPLOYEES AND SYNDICATE AFFILIATIONS *

WESTERN VENEZUELA ONLY

Field	Total Number On Pay Roll	Number of Syndicate Members	Red Syndicate Members	Blue Syndicate Members	Percentage of Syndicate Members		
					On Total Pay Roll	Red	Blue
Maracaibo	4,234	1,928	704	1,224	17 %	29 %	46 %
Mene Grande	1,290	1,041	520	521	40 %	40 %	80 %
San Lorenzo	443	375	152	223	34 %	50 %	84 %
Mara	878	446	207	239	24 %	27 %	51 %
La Concepcion	1,084	793	419	374	38 %	35 %	73 %
La Paz	671	452	270	182	40 %	27 %	67 %
Cabimas	6,319	4,981	862	4,119	14 %	65 %	79 %
Lagunillas	4,304	3,345	1,088	2,257	25 %	52 %	77 %
Tia Juana	1,589	1,278	244	1,034	15 %	65 %	80 %
Pueblo Viejo	81	52	13	39	16 %	48 %	64 %
Bachaquero	1,735	1,366	545	821	32 %	47 %	79 %
Casigua	772	619	---	619	---	80 %	80 %
Marine Depts.	487	376	376	---	77 %	---	77 %
Las Piedras	177	105	105	---	59 %	---	59 %
El Poco	78	30	30	---	38 %	---	38 %
Dabajuro	111	24	24	---	22 %	---	22 %
Cumarebo	409	236	236	---	58 %	---	58 %

TOTALS

Total Employees	Total Syndicate Members	Total Red Syndicate Members	Total Blue Syndicate Members	Percentage of Total Red Syn- dicate Members	Percentage of Total Blue Syn- dicate Members
24,662	17,447	5,795	11,652	23.5 %	47.3 %

*Includes ONLY Venezuelan nationals. No expatriates are believed to belong to any of the syndicates.

Above figures are for the month of February 1949.